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TAGS: ETRD, GATT, MTN
SUBJECT: MTN CONSULTATIONS: IVORY COAST

1. MTN DEL MET WITH IVORY COAST MTN DEL (AMANI-GUILBERT) JUNE 21 TO DISCUSS U.S. VIEW ON TIMING OF WRAPPING UP MTN AND TO URGE IVORIAN RESPONSE TO U.S. REQUESTS ON TARIFFS AND NTM'S. AMANI-GUILBERT WAS EMBARRASSED TO ADMIT THAT, DESPITE HIS URGING, THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES (EXTERNAL COMMERCE AND FINANCE) HAD NOT YET ORGANIZED THEMSELVES TO CONSIDER MTN ISSUES, AND SO HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS. HE INDICATED THAT THE IVORY COAST HAD NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO MAKING AN MTN CONTRIBUTION, THOUGH HE WAS PESSIMISTIC THAT SUBSTANTIAL DUTY REDUCTIONS COULD BE MADE
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FOR FISCAL REASONS. (SUBSEQUENT TO MEETING, AMANI REQUESTED AND RECEIVED INFORMAL MTN DEL TRANSLATION INTO FRENCH OF US INDICATIVE LISTS OF EXPORT INTERESTS FOR TRANSMISSION TO ABIDJAN.) AFTER POINTING OUT THAT IVORY COAST WAS ENDANGERING VERY GENEROUS U.S. OFFER NOW ON THE TABLE BY ITS LACK OF RESPONSE, MTN DEL MOVED DISCUSSION TO A REVIEW OF THE JUNE 19 REVISIONS OF THE U.S. OFFER.

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MTN DEL ALSO RECEIVED VERBALLY A REQUEST FOR MAINTENANCE OF OUR OFFER ON COCOA BUTTER (TSUS 15635), OF WHICH THE IVORY COAST IS PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER. WRITTEN REQUEST HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED TO DATE, DESPITE SEVERAL US DEL ATTEMPTS TO ELICIT NOTE.

2. FOR EMBASSY ABIDJAN: WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS, IF ANY, ON IVORIAN RESPONSE TO U.S. INDICATIVE LISTS. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, CURRENT U.S. OFFER IS EXTREMELY BENEFICIAL TO IVORY COAST, BUT MAY BE IN JEOPARDY WITHOUT AN INDICATION OF A RESPONSE BY THEM TO MODEST U.S. REQUESTS. FINAL REVISION OF U.S. OFFER WILL BE COMPLETE IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO.

3. DRAFTED BY SMITH. MCDONALD

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